

Northern Idaho/Montana Chapter Report 2010

MEMBERSHIP:

121 Current Paid Members (43 Plus)

Includes: 9 Membership Renewal Past Due

Net break even of members: 10 New, 10 Dropped

61 Complimentary Memberships (agency personnel, etc.) varies by issue

Chapter finances decreased, with an ending balance of \$2878.23, down slightly over \$200.00 dollars from the start of the year, in part due to the eBay purchase of an Osborne firefinder. This was offset by the chapter's proceeds from the Western Conference.

LEADERSHIP:

Leif Haugen and Samsara Chapman continue to serve as deputy directors for the Flathead-Glacier and Central Montana areas.

ACTIVITIES:

-Several chapter members were participated in and assisted with the filming of footage for an upcoming Idaho Public TV special on Idaho's lookouts.

-The chapter hosted the 2010 Western Regional Conference in Grangeville, ID.

-Chapter members participated in the restoration efforts at Mallard Peak Lookout (St. Joe NF, ID).

-Chapter members participated in 1910 Fire Commemoration activities at two sites.

-Deputy Director Leif Haugen staffed and did restoration work on Thoma Lookout (Flathead NF, MT) after it had been vacant for over 30 years.

-ARRA (Stimulus Program) funding was used for lookout maintenance/restoration projects on the Kootenai and Clearwater forests; some stimulus projects will continue in 2011. Additional rental lookouts are expected once all of the work is completed.

-Restoration activities are expected to continue at several sites in 2011, with various levels of support from the chapter.

-The chapter is attempting to find options for two excess lookouts on the St. Joe that are planned for removal in the near future, and is participating in discussion on the future of two others on the Idaho Panhandle.

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